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TORNADO HITS CANADA

Detroit, June 18.
A tornado swept through the Windsor area across the Canadian border from here today, leaving at least 20 persons known dead.

Both American and Canadian police predict that the total will rise sharply after searchers of the 15-square-mile devastated area have completed their work. More than 100 persons were injured while the Canadian radio asserted that between 25 and 30 were killed in Windsor alone but only 13 bodies lay in the morgues there.

The wife and nine children of the Nelson Jones family are dead or missing in Windsor. Another mother and her unborn child died of tornado injuries despite an emergency Cæsarian operation. Later, her two-year-old daughter was killed outright. Mrs. Albert Perry saw the Nelson Jones home leave the ground and bodies in the wreckage.

A block of stores were flattened in one instance and at least 10 homes were destroyed. A former U.S. Army man who lived through two tornadoes in Japan saw the roof leave the next door house in Windsor and furniture fly into the sky.

The Canadian radio said the damage to property would reach many millions of dollars.—Associated Press.

Wiped Out

New York, June 18.
The little town of Owibwa, ten miles to the west of Windsor, Ontario, was completely wiped out by the tornado which swept the River Rouge suburb of Detroit yesterday, killing and injuring many people.

The storm was first reported to have struck at Sandwich and Ontario on the Canadian side. A report said that at least 25 were killed and that the fatality injured might reach 100.—Reuter.

King Opens Conference Of Scientists

London, June 18.
The King, opening the Royal Society's Empire Conference in London today, declared that production of the atomic bomb must never be used as an argument against scientific research.

It should rather lead them to seek for ways and means of increasing their respect for moral principles and to enable us, under God's guidance, to reject evil and choose only good, he added.

His Majesty said he hoped that the conference—the first of its kind—was destined to bring about an era of closer contact in scientific affairs within the Empire.

During the past six years, the King said, their energies had been concentrated primarily on the destroying power of science. "But not all the work of scientists had destructive ends in view," he added.

Great strides had been made in the discovery and production of organic chemicals and synthetic drugs. The King also gave instances of advances made in veterinary science, meteorology, radar and jet propulsion, and concluded that science must now help them "to make good the wastage of the last six years."—Reuter.

NEW ROUTE

Paris, June 18.
Mr. Hugh Lee, Lord Mayor of Manchester, and Sir Hector McNeill, Lord Provost of Glasgow, were the guests of honour at a luncheon in the Paris City Hall today, which marked the opening of an airline linking their cities with Paris.

The officials flew here in the planes which opened the service.—Reuter.

"OUT OF BOUNDS" Wanchai Closed To Servicemen Counter-Move To Cholera Outbreak

SMUGGLING

London, June 18.
British authorities are inquiring into allegations that arms are being transhipped across France to unspecified destinations, the Foreign Office disclosed yesterday.

A spokesman said Whitehall had received reports that certain arms, found by French police near Bordeaux, were British military equipment from Holland. He added that an inquiry was in progress by British military representatives in France.—Associated Press.

ANTI-JEWISH TERRORISM

Warsaw, June 18.
Thousands of Jews being repatriated from Russia are fleeing westward and southward to escape the intermittent waves of anti-Semitic terror at the hands of outlaw bands.

Approximately 1,000 Jewish slayings have been verified in the past 10 months and the toll is being boosted by bandit attacks on repatriation convoys operating on railways and highways.

The government is severely punishing those perpetrating the anti-Semitic acts, but the activities of the lawless bands have become so widespread it is difficult to assure adequate protection for all. A total of 60,000 Jews is expected to be repatriated from Russia by August 1, boosting Poland's Jewish population to approximately 250,000.

Officials of the Central Committee say the Jews admit that a vast majority of the repatriates want to go to Palestine or America. Many try to leave Poland illegally, crossing into Germany or Czechoslovakia, and widespread demands have been made among Polish Jews for unrestricted emigration into Palestine by Jews.—Associated Press.

More Jewish Terrorism

Jerusalem, June 18.
A terrific explosion damaged the workshops in the Haifa railroad yards Monday night.

Two saboteurs were reported killed, bringing to 11 the death toll in the two-night wave of terrorism and violence that has gripped this area.

During a one-hour attack on Palestine railways there were 15 explosions.

A Zionist newspaper said the violence served no purpose and was "the work of men who have lost their faith."

Meanwhile British troops deployed today through the troubled areas of the Holy Land, seeking to halt the wave of terrorism and violence.

Shops in Haifa are under heavy attack while fires are raging all around. The Palestine Government announces that all train services between Palestine, Syria and Trans-Jordan have been halted by the destruction of the railway bridge over the Yarmuk River.

British Army investigators said that six Jewish terrorists were killed in attacks last night on all bridges crossing the Palestine frontiers. A British officer was killed yesterday while dismantling a mine placed under the bridge at Jisr Damiya.

The British Army authorities here said that 12 men and two women suspects, together with 62 male suspects, from the village of Beth Haavara, have been arrested in connection with the explosions, in which were wrecked the Aleya Bridge, the span linking Palestine and Trans-Jordan over the Jordan River.—Associated Press.

The busiest part of Wanchai, roughly from Wellington Barracks to Causeway Bay, was put out of bounds to all Servicemen yesterday afternoon and is to remain "off limits" for an indefinite period.

From now on, all Servicemen have been warned to keep clear of the area, into which they will only be admitted when travelling in organised parties to, say, ships at Mackies' Wharf or the Taikoo Dockyard, or to the Lady Park Club.

The only exceptions in the whole area are the China Fleet Club and the American chief and Petty Officers Club in Gloucester Road.

The official reason given for putting Wanchai out of bounds is the incidence of cholera in that area.

All cinemas—the Oriental, Lee, Cathay and National—all dance halls (including the Queen's, Dreamland and Plaza) and a large number of small beer-halls and restaurants are affected by the ban.

The result was to be seen last night. Wanchai was quieter than it has ever been since the re-occupation. Some of the dance halls, usually a blaze of light, were in darkness, and many a beer-hall closed its doors long before its accustomed time.

Tackled Armed Robbers

Two Portuguese brothers, A. E. and G. A. Noronha, had miraculous escapes from death in the early hours yesterday. One of them—A. E. Noronha—is now lying in Kowloon Hospital with a bullet in his face.

Both brothers nearly lost their lives when they courageously tackled armed robbers who broke into their residence in Rutland Quadrant, Kowloon Tong, at about 6 a.m. yesterday.

G. A. Noronha was roused by a noise and saw two intruders in his bedroom. They had apparently climbed up a drainpipe. One of them pointed a gun at him to keep quiet.

The other robber, meanwhile, who had entered the children's room, had awakened the children who started to cry. Hearing the noise, A. E. Noronha dashed into the room and tackled the man.

The second robber immediately fired, hitting A. E. Noronha in the face. G. A. Noronha, who had followed his brother into the children's room, had a revolver thrust into his face.

The robber pulled the trigger but fortunately the cartridge was a dud. The intruders then rushed out of the house by the back door.

A. E. (Eddie) Noronha was hit by the left nostril, the bullet being embedded in his right cheek. At Kowloon Hospital, where is condition was stated to be satisfactory, specialists are considering when to operate to extract the bullet.

Ten Seamen Gaoled

Colombo, June 18.
Sentences ranging from 6 to 12 weeks' imprisonment with hard labour were imposed today on ten of the crew of the 7,131-ton Canadian ship "La Fontaine Park" by a Colombo magistrate for "neglect of their lawful duties" while at sea.

The ship's captain said in evidence that while the ship was nearing Ceylon from Calcutta he was compelled to issue an ultimatum to the accused.

He told them that if they maintained a "go slow policy" of reducing speed up to five knots below the requirement of the International rule of the road at sea, he would radio for a naval guard to be put on board.—Reuter.

Naval patrols were the only uniformed men to be seen on the streets and they, too, had one of the quietest nights in a long time. The main duty they had to perform was that of boarding team to warn Servicemen travelling in them that the area was out of bounds. As it was the first night, they were not pulling any of these men in but were allowing them to proceed on the assurance that they would not get out until the vehicle had passed beyond the prohibited area.

Another large body of people which normally fills the streets of this area was also missing from the scene last night—the hordes of prostitutes who normally throng the pavements till a late hour. Many of them congregated along the extreme edge of the banned district while others were observed making their way to the Central District.

As a result of the cordoning-off of the Wanchai area, only four night-clubs are now within easy reach of the Servicemen—the China Emporium, Majestic, Lido and Victory—all in the Central District. The Paramount Ballroom, Windsor House, has been out of bounds for some time.

The China Fleet Club normally closes at 9 p.m. but last night it remained open till 11 o'clock. It was almost a packed house, the whole evening and a "sing-song" helped both the time and the beer to pass quickly!

India Mission Pulled "A Fast One"

New Delhi, June 18.
Chances increased today that the dominantly Hindu Congress Party and Moslem League would accept the British Cabinet plan for an interim government to rule India in its transitional period before independence.

FOREST FIRE

St. John's, Newfoundland, June 18.
More than 30 forest fires were last night raging unchecked over a wide area in Newfoundland. Two towns were ablaze and four others threatened. The fire threatens to develop into a national disaster unless heavy rains of which there was no sign last night fall immediately.—Reuter.

THIEVES STEAL ONE WIFE

Paris, June 18.
The Paris police are combing the city today for a pair of thieves who stole Abraham Aditrol's wife as well as most of his furniture.

Employing the well-worn Paris technique of posing as police investigators checking up on alleged collaborators, they entered Aditrol's home and while the tenant pondered over their false warrant transferred most of his furniture to a waiting lorry.

Then they forced Madame Aditrol, who was carrying a handbag said to contain 22,000 francs, to accompany them to headquarters for "questioning." She has not been seen since.—Reuter.

ATOM CONTROL

London, June 18.
Britain attaches great importance to the American proposal that a non-veto authority be set up to control the world use of atomic energy, a Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday.

Commenting on the plan outlined by Bernard Baruch in New York, the spokesman said there were many aspects which would require careful examination, and the most important of these was the proposal of a new super-authority which would not be subject to veto.—Associated Press.

ARMISTICE DAY CHANGED?

London, June 18.
The "Evening News," in a front page news story late today, stated that plans had been completed to change Armistice Day from Nov. 11 to the second Sunday in November, on which day the dead of both world wars will be commemorated.

London's memorial to the dead of 1914-1918, in Whitehall, seat of Britain's Government, will be a joint symbol and the dates 1939 to 1945 will be added, the report says. All the ceremonial and dignity of the occasion will be retained in London and King George VI will place a wreath on the Cenotaph as on previous remembrance days.

Several questions on Armistice Day have been asked in the House of Commons and it was stated that the Dominions would be consulted before a decision was reached, the story concluded.—Reuter.

Moscow, June 18.
Hard rains have broken the drought in the Ukraine threatening wheat and other food crops.—Associated Press.

British Officer Killed By Mine

Jerusalem, June 18.
It was officially announced in Jerusalem tonight that a British officer of the Royal Engineers was killed when dismantling a mine placed by Jewish terrorists on the Jisr-Damiya bridge in East Palestine last night.

Six Jews died on the Zib railway bridge last night when explosive charges blew up while they were being placed in position, the official statement added.

Settlers at Beth Haavara, a Jewish settlement 900 feet below sea level on the shores of the Dead Lake, put up "considerable resistance" when British troops carried out a search there today, a Palestine Government official statement reported tonight.

Women seized sticks and attacked the soldiers. The settlers then lay on the ground and refused to submit to questioning. Some male settlers were injured, including one who received a minor bayonet wound, the official statement added.

The Palestine police tonight arrested 12 men and two women after searches in settlements in various parts of Palestine in connection with last night's sabotage of road and rail bridges. One woman was arrested from a bullet wound in the chest.

Engineers estimate that it will take two months to repair the damage to the Allenby bridge, the main road link between Palestine and Trans-Jordan. The cost of last night's attacks is unofficially estimated at more than \$100,000.

A series of explosions was heard in Haifa late tonight from the direction of the Palestine Railway workshops, which are located in Haifa Bay.—Reuter.

Uniformed Chinese Arrested

Four Chinese in military uniform were arrested in Wanchai last night and at the time of going to press were still in custody while attempts were being made to establish their identity.

The four men were taken into custody in a tea-house in Thomson Road, after a report had been made to the Police by another Chinese in the restaurant. They were surprised over their cups of tea by a flying squad from No. 2 Police Station. They adopted a truculent air towards the police, both at the tea-house and in the station, and claimed to be members of the Chinese Army.

This was partly borne out by the fact they were in Chinese military uniform, three of them as soldiers while the fourth had an officer-type cap. They were placed under guard at the station while the Chinese Gendarmerie were notified.

Pending the positive identification of the men and investigations which may lead to the laying of a serious charge against them, Police officials were reluctant to make any statement last night beyond stating that the men were being detained in custody.

A Blind For The Mufti?

Paris, June 18.
Jacques Frey, editor of the official French Zionist organ, "La Voie Zioniste," declared today that Zionists believed the dump of arms and ammunition discovered at a chateau near Bordeaux recently had been planted with Arab money to divert attention from the escape from Paris of the Mufti of Jerusalem.

"The papers which are boosting the arms story are those which paid scant attention to the escape of the Mufti," Mr. Frey said in an article.

The chateau in which the dump was discovered was occupied by a Jewish organization. It was suggested last week that the arms were earmarked for Palestine.—Reuter.

TYPHOON

Manila, June 18.
The U.S. Navy reported a typhoon was moving toward Luzon today from a point 350 miles east of Mindanao at a five-knot pace. The first typhoon of the season in late March caused extensive damage to Northern Luzon.—Associated Press.

Storm Over Teacups

London, June 18.
A storm over teacups held up work at the Royal Albert Docks for half an hour today when 2,000 stevedores staged a lightning strike as a protest against the deposit charge on a cup of tea.

The Port of London Authority, which set up a mobile canteen at the docks during the war, explained that the decision to charge a small deposit, which is returnable, was made because of crockery shortage.

When the Stevedores boycotted the canteen and refused to carry on their jobs, the teacup charge was withdrawn. The men then went back to work.—Reuter.

It Just Went On And On

Otley, Yorkshire, June 18.
A British Army of the Rhine Officer, sent on indefinite leave and not recalled until he wrote to the mobilisation centre five months ago, was today found not guilty by a general court martial here.

Without hearing the evidence of the defence, the court dismissed the charges against Lieutenant Edward Charles of being absent without leave from Sept. 15, 1945, to March 15 this year.

The prosecutor said that of floor was instructed to proceed on leave from Sept. 1 until he received further orders. On Sept. 23 he wrote to a mobilisation centre telling them the position, and 4-1/2 months later wrote notifying a change of address. On March 8, he again wrote that he had not yet received instructions, and asked for his position to be clarified.—Reuter.

Where Is The Revolver?

London, June 18.
In spite of a widespread search over the week-end, the police have been unable to find the revolver with which Miss Elizabeth Melindon, an attractive 40-year-old house-keeper of Chester Square was murdered last week, and an appeal has been made to the public for help in the search.

The woman was found slumped on the floor of a small back room of the house, which she had told acquaintances she was preparing for the King of Greece.

Reconstruction of the crime indicates Miss Melindon was seated at a small table with her back to the door.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

Today's forecast:—Light to moderate south to south-easterly winds, cloudy with local showers especially in the morning.
Yesterday's weather:—Maximum: 90 deg. at 3 p.m. Minimum: 81 deg. at 6 a.m. Max. Rel. Humidity: 91% at 6 p.m. Sunshine: 8 1/2 hours. Rainfall: A trace.

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NOTICE

London University Matriculation

The Matriculation Examination of the University of London will be held in Hongkong in January, 1947.

Entry forms are not yet available, but this preliminary notice is issued to enable those interested to begin preparing for the examination. The syllabus can be seen at the Education Department, Fire Brigade Building, during working hours.

A further announcement will be made when entry forms are received from London.

T. R. ROWELL,

Director of Education.

Hong Kong, 8th June, 1946.

NOTICE

Will anyone knowing the whereabouts of or possessing information about JOHN MURRAY WALKER, said to have been a sergeant-major in the Army in Hongkong, please communicate with the Secretariat, G.S.O. Building, Lower Albert Road.

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DIVIDED KOREA

The position in Korea today shows the idiosyncrasy of zoning just as clearly as Austria or Germany. In Korea, however, there are only two occupying Powers: the Soviet Union in the coal-producing zone north of the 38th parallel and the U.S.A. in the southern, far more industrially developed area. For some months there was little, if any, liaison between the two military governments and two different policies were adopted. The Russians encouraged political development, land reform and public control of financial and industrial organisations, whilst the Americans, using the excuse that the Koreans were insufficiently trained, kept Japanese officials in key positions. Last December, after the Moscow Conference, a joint Soviet-American commission was set up to prepare, with the aid of the Korean democratic parties, proposals for a Provisional Government, which were to be submitted for the approval of the Chinese, British, Russian and American Governments. This joint commission, which met in Seoul, capital of the American Zone, in March, collapsed a month ago because the two occupying Powers could find no basis of agreement. The Americans proposed the unification of Korea; the Russians argued that this was outside the terms of reference and in any case was a matter for the Koreans to decide. But what groups of Koreans could be regarded by both Powers as competent to take decisions, is not clear. The Americans refused from the beginning to co-operate with the Korean liberation committees which came into the open soon after Hiroshima, used Japanese police to suppress them and allowed Japanese quislings to remain in office. They then stimulated the landowners and big business party (the Korean Democratic Party) and brought back two Korean exiles, Kim Koo and Syngman Rhee, who regarded the liberation committees with about as much approval as Chiang Kai-shek regards the Yenan regime. In short, Korea today is the counterpart of the European situation, with the Russians encouraging a Left-wing resistance movement and the Americans refusing, in the sacred name of private enterprise, to recognise the popular demand for economic and political change.

CZECH VOTE

The result of the General Election in Czechoslovakia is unlikely to lead to any radical change of policy. All parties were committed before the poll to the continuance of Coalition Government and to implementing the Kosice programme of nationalisation, land reform, and *epuration*. The consequence of the marked success of the Communist Party in Bohemia and Moravia, where they polled about 40 per cent. of the votes, will be that the execution of the Kosice programme will be speeded up. The small proportion—barely 15 per cent.—of the votes secured by the Social-Democrats suggests that, in the Czech lands, working-class electors were determined that there should be no compromise with capitalist interests in the carrying out of the reconstruction of Czechoslovakia on Socialist lines, and that they considered that the Communist Party, several of whose Ministers did particularly well in the last administration, offered the best assurance of Socialist policy being vigorously executed. In Slovakia, where Catholicism is a stronger influence, the Left did less well, and the Conservative "Democrats" secured 60 per cent. of the votes. Thus, in the Assembly, the two Left parties will only have a bare majority of the seats, though this should be enough to ensure that the still uncompleted programme of nationalisation goes forward apace.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Would you page my husband, H. P. Adams? And you'll find that he answers quicker if you just scream the whole name—Hiram Percy Adams!"

The Man Behind The Glass

By E. V. MATTHEWMAN

Mr. Handley was saying: "I don't think you're going to last out."

"Large stout, sir? I don't mind if I do."

Once more Colonel Chinstrap, of Itma, alias Mr. Jack Train—beating the fuddling, enveloping mists—had responded to his cue.

Colonel Chinstrap is the lineal descendant of Funi, first of Mr. Train's many-voiced characters who have gone out into the homes, the buses, the teashops, and the pubs of England and passed into the English language.

The Colonel is a clue to Itma's success. He fulfils a condition of true British laughter—it must be tinged with compassion and free from malice.

Colonel Chinstrap is the lovable snail, never quite drunk, enunciating each syllable with care, anxious to give no offence where certainly none is meant. He cadges with dignity, and carries his shabby gentility with composure.

His measured utterances are the perfect foil to the fire-cracker gags of Handley, which caused Bob Hope, himself no idler, to say, "I don't get it. It's too fast."

Chinstrap Club

The Colonel's creator is short, dark and deceptive. There is that about him which says, "I hate work. It's a bore." But it does not entirely fool you. There is a hint of fashionable indifference to popularity which dissolves when he tells you about the 14 R.A.F. sergeants in Germany.

The sergeants formed a Chinstrap Club in their mess. They had themselves photographed, tankards in hand, sent him a print, and asked him to be president. They put his photograph over the bar. But they expected on gala nights they planned it to the underside of a table—for the convenience of members interpreting the objects of the club too literally.

Success rides easily on Mr. Train's shoulders, and stops there. He is pleased about it, but not aggressively so. It has brought him from Devonport dockyard, the stereotyping department of the Western Morning News and small stage and film parts to his suite in Mount Royal, Marble Arch. It has satisfied his liking for a May-fair telephone number, and given his wife a milk coat.

And it has set him up as an owner at White City where he has seen his dog, The Colonel, win six times. He says that one day he'll buy a bitch and call her The Colonel's Lady.

The racing and the small flutters are, for him, only incidental to social evenings, where he makes all kinds of new friends. He is very fond of meeting new people.

Models From Life

His walk has not lost all the roll of the boy in the Navy of World War I, and London can-

not entirely erase from his voice the burr of Devon, where he was born.

It was at Devonport in 1928 that Mr. Hore-Belisha saw Mr. Train at a smoking concert, and gave him an introduction to revue-producer Archie de Bear. Mr. Train took the road—hard one leading 11 years later to the original Itma.

In radio it is the voice that matters. Without it, names which shimmer in the largest lights, beauty beyond the dreams of Hollywood, may well be jettisoned as useless bric-a-brac. Lucky Mr. Train to have so many voices! He takes his models from life. He found many of them on Plymouth Argyle's character-full shilling terraces.

The Colonel was found in a London pub. Soon after the war started Mr. Train was having a drink with a B.B.C. official when a Chinstrap voice intruded on their conversation:—

"Damm! sir, I've just done a very good deal with the gas company. I've bought a water-heater on a ten-year instalment plan, and they don't know I'm drinking myself to death."

The voice was filed by Mr. Train and forgotten until one day it came to life again in Itma.

At the microphone Chinstrap sags at the knees, droops at the shoulders, and his lips take a downward turn of disillusion. This is not Mr. Train playing to the studio audience. This is Mr. Train helping himself to perfect his vocal caricature.

Supports For Star

Outstanding lesson of Itma is the importance of high-grade supports for the star. Listeners await their arrival, regret their departure, and deplore their absence if the script finds them no room. They are the backbone of the show. Not even Mr. Handley, with all his zest, can handle all this success. He is in the position of the brilliant centre-forward relying on his insides, his wingers, and his half-backs. Mr. Train is the centre-half.

Apart from Mr. Handley, scriptman Ted Kavanagh and producer Francis Worsley, Mr. Train is the sole survivor of the original Itma team.

One of Itma's zealously watched success-secrets is the principle of giving the customer not quite enough to make sure that he is ready for more.

A good character or a good phrase is rested at the peak of its popularity. It is done subtly, so that you, the listener, are barely conscious of the trick that has been played on you.

Biggest Draw

Not until about an hour before tomorrow's Itma will Jack Train, or anybody else, know for sure what will come out on the air. But if the Colonel does say, "I don't mind if I do," it will be only the second time in four months that he has done so. Had you noticed?

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A STAR TELLS HER SUCCESS STORY

Gertrude Lawrence has written her life story; it reads like a best-selling novelette—as large as life and twice as handsome.

It is the story of every little girl who ever dreamed of "glamour" and of sailing out of stage doors surrounded by distinguished-looking orchids and rare dukes. It is the story of Cinderella. But though there are two husbands in it there is, of course, no mention of a fairy godmother.

The woman is congenitally chic. It makes no difference whether she is telling you of the feather-brained twenties and thirties—"I didn't just buy a Bentley car. I had one built!"—and her drawing room decorated entirely with mirrors and silver sequin curtains, or of the more sordid side of her impoverished childhood near Kensington Oval when the family indulged in a series of moonlight flits without paying the rent.

The story is as alive as she is.

"Mother always dressed up to the nines for the occasion. She would shower her largest birded hat atop her puffs, twine a marabou boa elegantly about her neck, and draw on a pair of long, worn, but carefully mended gloves. Catching up her skirt with one hand and carrying the tea-kettle in the other, she would sweep down the stairs with a dignity calculated to overpower any lurking landlord."

"In Dad, jauntiness rose over dignity. He would cock his bowler at an angle, and, thumbing in the armpits of his waistcoat, he would chaff the grocer's boy, making him a partner in the adventure."

"At a signal from Dad the boy would push off with his cart. Dad would gallantly offer Mother his arm, and they would follow. I would bring up the rear of the little procession. So we moved through Clapham's silent streets, pioneers acting forth into the unknown to start a new home in a new and untamed land. Adventure tingled in my toes, and where the moon or a street lamp splashed the pavement with light, my feet would begin to dance."

Her career has been characterised by a ruthless determination to succeed—and nothing apparently has stopped her.

Gertrude Lawrence's early dancing was done to barrel organs and her first song was: "Oh, it ain't all honey, and it ain't all jam."

"Walking round the 'ouses with a three-wheel pram." She has called her autobiography "A Star Danced" (W. H. Allen, 10s. 6d.) because, on her first visit to Brighton Pier as a little girl, she got a pink paper fortune from a penny-in-the-slot machine, which read:—

A star danced,
And you were born.
—Shakespeare.

She told no one of her "fortune," but determined to become famous.

But there were years of exhausting struggle before her. She tells of a kind pawnbroker and of a theatrical manager who decamped with the actors' wages and left her stranded, of how she worked as a barmaid in Shrewsbury while playing the part of a nun in the local theatre. How, when she got her first London engagement, she was so hard up that she six Tommies clubbed together to pay her fare from Yarmouth.

"In between jobs," she says, "I lived at the 'Cats' Home in London so that I could make the round of the theatrical managers' offices."

This was a tall, gaunt house in Charlotte Street which called itself the Theatrical Girls' Boarding House. Here, for 10s. a week, you could luxuriate in a cubicle by yourself. For 5s. a week you shared a room with another girl. For half a crown you could have a cot in a dormitory. I never reached the 10s. private cubicle stage.

And this was the Gertrude Lawrence of whom Alexander Woolcott was later to say: "With no more than a pout, a

remains radio variety's biggest draw. To those whose job it may eventually be to produce a successor I commend the words of Dr. Ernest Whitfield, newly appointed B.B.C. governor: "I believe that to get the best of anything, you must pay the highest price."

"Rye" and "ice, sir? I don't mind if I do."

twist of your shoulders and two or three lines, you make me feel that I understand exactly how the wheels go round at the back of a girl's mind."

But this was when she was playing in Charlot's Revue in New York and had the whole town at her feet.

Gertrude Lawrence tells us of "Private Lives," and how ever since she played in it people have been confusing her with the heroine of Noel Coward's play: "They think I must be brittle, irresponsible, and have the emotional stability of a shuttle-cock."

She is neither a cynic nor a sentimentalist. "Everything that has value," she says, "has its price. Nothing worth having is ever handed to you gratis. A career in the theatre is no exception to this hard and fast rule."

Are Dogs Intelligent?

By
CHAPMAN PINCHER

Are dogs intelligent? Most people would say yes—emphatically. Scientists, coldly considering the results of impersonal experiments, say no.

This is the story of four tests deliberately designed to be as mechanical as possible to eliminate misinterpretation.

1. Dogs were placed in boxes from which they could escape by pulling strings—lifting latches or sliding doors. They never seemed to size up the situation and then solve the puzzle. Always they found their way out by accident. If put back in the box they went through the whole trial and error process again. Only after many trials did they omit any useless movements. The same test was carried out with monkeys. They found the answer very quickly—and remembered it.

A dog does not get out of a puzzle box any more quickly after watching the performance of another dog which knows the way out. Nor, say the scientists, is it helped by being put through the movements.

2. The power to comprehend a simple principle seems to be beyond dogs. Five monkeys and sixteen dogs were each given a series of trials in a room with four exit doors.

All the doors were locked except one. This was never the door that had been unlocked in the previous trial. The object was to grasp the principle that it was no good trying the door from which they had escaped last time. They all failed.

Again the monkeys got out more quickly than the dogs, because they always tried all four doors. The dogs showed the lowest type of reaction—pushing repeatedly at one door or persistently neglecting others.

3. Dogs have a poor memory. Several dogs were placed, one at a time, in a box from which they could see three electric light bulbs. One of these was switched on for a few seconds. Some time after it had been switched off the dogs were released.

If they went to the bulb that had been lit they got a reward of food. They succeeded only when they kept their eyes on the bulb during the interval after it had been switched off.

If they moved their heads or were turned round they could not pick out the correct bulb.

4. Dogs cannot recognise photographs. Their whole perception of shape and form, according to the scientists, is poorly developed. Thus, while chickens learned to distinguish a striped from a plain card after about 300 lessons, dogs failed to do it after 1,000 trials, although the stripes were made six times wider.

How do dogs recognise people then? Perhaps by smell or some overall simple picture they associate with recurrent kindness or cruelty. It certainly seems that their mental images are nothing like ours.

That's what scientists think about a dog's intelligence. Are they right?

Aberdeen Fishermen Rewarded For Rescue Of Airman

FERRY WORKERS DISSATISFIED

A mass meeting of employees of the two ferry companies was held at the premises of the Chinese Seaman's Union on Monday evening, when the new scale of pay and rice allowance offered by their employers were discussed.

Earlier, the men expressed dissatisfaction with the "meagre increase" in wages granted by their employers and the meeting was called to decide on a future course of action.

The meeting unanimously decided that the new scale offered was inadequate and representations would be renewed for the men's original demands to be met.

Representatives of the men appointed at the meeting yesterday have made fresh representations to their employers.

Kowloon Dockyard
The number of men at work in the Kowloon Dockyards now exceeds 3,000 which is more than the strike working before the strike. Some of the men were newly engaged by the contractors.

On the other hand several hundred men have been thrown out of employment, either through dismissal just before the strike or because they refused to return to work out of sympathy for the dismissed men. These men have sent representatives to see Major Chauvin to intervene on their behalf with the Dock Company.

Apart from these there are about 70 cooperatives who still refuse to return to work unless the Dock Company agrees to pay them wages for the period they were on strike and to engage new workers through their labour union.

Money Mart

The bottom slipped out of Chinese National Currency yesterday afternoon when, after an uncertain opening in the morning, people rushed to sell and brought the closing rates down to \$2.01 for figures and \$2.18 for spot (per C.N.S. 100).

Gold also joined in the panic. Opening at \$480 a tael it fell to \$475 at noon, and after remaining uncertain for a while it took a headlong leap to \$460 at the close.

Foreign currencies were more or less stationary. U.S. dollars had buyers from \$5.37 to \$5.44, Sterling from \$13.30 to \$13.35, and Australian pounds from \$12.50 to \$12.55.

Shai Exchange

Shanghai, June 18.
The 10 a.m. rates were:
Buying Selling
CNS CNS
Gold per ounce 187,300 187,800
U.S. Dollars* 2,550 2,570
Hong Kong Dollars 452 457
Closing rates were:
Gold per ounce 189,000 189,500
U.S. Dollars* 2,480
Hong Kong Dollars 450 460
* Unofficial market.
—Associated Press.

Readers' Letters

"Chinaman"
Sir,—Your correspondent, Wong Kam Ning, was a little extreme when he declared in no uncertain terms that the word Chinaman was an insult. The tone of that little article about the "tough" and "bloody" battle, frequently appearing in news columns, always sounds awkward, while "a blooming tree," beautiful and grammatically correct, is almost unmentionable.

The word Chinaman might have been vulgarized, perhaps by doing things like the chanting by "tough" juveniles of questionable breeding in certain parts of the world, and acquired the implication of familiarity, hence unavoidably contemptuous.

"Chinaman" seems to have become curiously like "fellow" or "boy" in such expressions as "that so-and-so fellow" or "Boy! But first we hear of 'The Hon. Whiffy, Fellow of Water Society,' 'Jolly good fellow' and 'Adolf, old boy' as 'Chinaman' is employed by established writers to denote, with sympathy, the ingenuous native of China.

I wish to declare that those are merely my personal observations. Would some of your learned readers kindly come forward with more comprehensive explanations of the objectionable significance, as it appears to possess, of the word Chinaman?

BALONIA.

Sir,—May I have what is, I hope, the last word on this subject of "Chinese" and "Chinamen"? To "Five Ignorant Englishmen" I would like to point out that for some reason the Chinese object to the second appellation and for that reason it has been dropped from polite conversation, etc. by non-Chinese.

To Mr. Wong Kam-ning, might I draw your attention to the fact that you Chinese call yourselves Chinamen? You will, I am sure, pardon me if I prove my point by using your national tongue, and not Cantonese, but do you not even in the latter use an equivalent to Chung-tao-jen, "Middle Kingdom (i.e. China) Man"?

To both parties in the argument, might I close with a maxim which Confucius never wrote but which he might well have done in a case like this? The Superior Man couldn't care less.

GIVVY.

Answer To Correspondent
JUST JAKE.—We regret that our reference books were considerably sabotaged by the Japanese and we are therefore unable to provide the information you require. Please call at this office for the money you enclosed.—Ed.

Liaison Visit To Nanking

A representative from the Hong Kong War Crimes Investigation Team has just returned from a liaison visit to the Chinese War Crimes Authorities in Nanking. He reports that the Chinese Authorities there are trying Lt. Gen. Sakai Takashi, the commander of the Japanese 33rd Army at the time of the fall of Hong Kong in 1941 for War Crimes.

All evidence connected with the capture of H.K. by troops under the command of the Gen. has been handed over to the Chinese and is being taken into consideration.

In due course a report will, no doubt, be forthcoming as to the result of the trial.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were F. G. Williams (Shell Co.), R. F. G. White (H.K. Police), J. S. D. H. Stuart and J. Lytle (H.K. Prisons), A. Arnold (Dockyard), E. Bathurst (Chinese Maritime Customs), Mr. and Mrs. A. Steffensen (Great Northern Telegraph) and Paul Viane (French Consul, Canton).

Departures the same day were W. C. R. C. Haine, S. S. Harris, S. L. Boen, J. Lewis and Capt. R. P. Wassell.

Among arrivals by the Aberdeen Victory which left San Francisco on May 28 were Messrs Lee Ming, Quan Chou, Quak Yee, P. E. Cox and Lee Wan.

Transit passengers for Cebu included Messrs P. E. Harrison, J. L. Mina, J. Caballero, B. Haganas, M. Arenas and H. A. Prunier.

Mr. R. de Josselin de Jong, assistant manager of J.C.C.L., left for Manila yesterday by S.S. Tjibadak on a short business trip.

Other passengers were Mrs. Ruby Ng Wong, wife of the Chinese Consul in Manila and son, Mr. Ka Eng Lee, manager of the Sze Wo Loo Co., Bishop Museum, Manila. Fathers Augustus Antonio, Antonio Pison and Gregorio Raymundo of the Spanish Prosecution, Mr. P. Botelho and Mr. Elias Bitts.

Major-Gen. Kerri arrived by air yesterday from Saigon.

MAC'S CAFETERIA

Redecorated and refurbished, Mac's Cafeteria reopened yesterday and proved very popular. The Cafeteria and Snack Bar will be open till 11 p.m. and later late hours may be extended if necessary.

A quick lunch service is the latest innovation.

This evening at eight o'clock there will be another of the popular series of light recorded music at the Top H Services Club, St. Andrews, Nathan Road, Kowloon. The programme will include items by the following artists and ensembles: Noel Coward, Mary Martin, Dinah Shore, Charlie Kunz, Vera Lynn, Bing Crosby, Ambrose, Artie Shaw, Joe Loss, Benny Goodman and Joe Daniels.

Two fishermen from Aberdeen village have received official recognition from the United States Army Air Force of the rescue of an American pilot, M. J. Crehan, who bailed out during an air raid over Hong Kong on Jan. 16, 1945.

The two men are Fok Kam-wah, 58, and Fok Kam-lo, 24, father and son, both natives of Aberdeen. They have been offered a monetary reward.

The claim put in by the two fishermen with AGAS, the American pilot rescue service, in September last year is the only one of about half a dozen claims of the kind that has been considered sufficiently substantiated by evidence.

Crehan was picked up off Ling Tin after he had been in the water for a considerable time. The rescue took place about 1 o'clock in the afternoon and the boat anchored for the night off Po Toi.

In their statement on the incident, the two fishermen recall that Crehan remained awake a long time with his revolver, which he had managed to retain, in his hand, evidently uncertain of the fishermen's intentions.

Fired Shot

Shortly after dawn on the following day, the junk set sail for Tan Kon Tin when Crehan spent the whole of the morning on deck going over the mechanism of his revolver. Finally, satisfied, he fired one round into the air, considerably frightening all on board—who numbered 12—as it was known that Japanese patrol boats were in the vicinity.

He had also managed to retain a tin of emergency rations which he shared with all on board. He was offered food but was not tempted by anything out of the fishermen's fare but dried fish.

On the third day after he was picked up, the junk reached Nanking which was in the hands of Chinese guerrillas. Here Crehan was able to speak to the fishermen through an interpreter and assured them that Japan would be defeated in a very short time.

He gave Fok Kam-lo a shirt and a pair of trousers as a souvenir. He also gave him a letter certifying the rescue.

The Foks, father and son, returned to Cheung Chau Island where after some months they got into trouble following word of the rescue reaching the ears of informers.

Bought Out

The incident was hushed up for a time by means of bribery. The elder Fok was arrested by the Gendarmerie but was bought out by his family for a bribe of 50,000 military yen.

The whole family then had to go into hiding and were compelled to sell their junk to support themselves as the Japanese had cancelled their rations of rice, kerosene, oil and sugar.

They managed, however, to survive the remaining three months of the war.

Criminal Sessions

Of the 22 cases for this month's criminal sessions before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice E. H. Williams at the Supreme Court yesterday, the Tsui Kwok-chung high treason case and the Luk Hoi Tung Hotel murder case were fixed for hearing respectively today and July 2.

Defendants in the other 17 cases, who pleaded not guilty, were remanded, while the remaining four cases in which the respective accused pleaded guilty were dealt with and sentenced accordingly.

The four concluded cases were Yip Mei-sing, 22, lawless, sentenced to six years' hard labour for armed robbery; Wong Yee, 27, unemployed, sentenced to three years' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane for unlawful possession of arms and ammunition; Wong Tin-chi, 27, unemployed, also given three years' hard labour and 10 strokes for a similar offence; and Yip Ng, 32, mistress of a sampan, sentenced to one year's hard labour for perjury.

Yip Mei-sing was charged, with one other not in custody, with armed with a dagger and a revolver, robbing Cheung Hoi-kim at No. 24, Bonham Strand East on Feb. 12 of HK\$8,000, US\$100, CN\$2,500,000, a wrist watch and a fountain pen.

Wong Yee was accused of having possessed an automatic pistol and five rounds of ammunition in Nathan Road on May 9 without a license.

Wong Tin-chi was alleged to have carried a revolver and seven rounds of ammunition without a license on May 10 in Peace Avenue, Kowloon.

Yip Ng, a Crown witness in the case against Cheung Sam at the Kowloon Magistracy, was charged with unlawfully making a statement which was material to the proceedings and which she knew to be false or did not believe to be true.

"BEAT THE RETREAT"

Combined bands of H.M.S. "Anson" and H.M.S. "Venerable" will "Beat the Retreat" at 6 p.m. on Thursday at Murray Barracks, Football Ground.

Rust Marks Give Game Away

A Chinese detective's decision to tackle two men, both of whom might have been armed, and without waiting for reinforcements was commented upon by the officer prosecuting, Sub-Inspector Andrews, in Kowloon Court yesterday. One of the men drew a revolver on the detective's approach.

The man, Li Yiu-choi, 21, unemployed, was sentenced yesterday by Messrs. W. H. Latimer and Horace Lo, sitting together, to three years' imprisonment for the possession of an eleven-calibre weapon with intent to commit a felony and unlawful possession of a 38-calibre revolver and five rounds of ammunition.

Another defendant, Li Ping-yun, 21, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for loitering with intent to commit a felony.

Chinese detective Mak Sin-nam said that about 845 p.m. on May 16 he received information that accused were planning to commit an unlawful act. He waited for them behind a pillar in Tung Choi Street. He saw Li Yiu-choi walk up to the side window of a house with the other accused following some distance behind.

He drew his revolver and challenged Li Ping-yun, whom he handcuffed. The other accused followed him to run into a partly demolished house and as the detective chased him with the first prisoner in tow, the man drew a revolver.

Not wishing to risk an exchange of fire in an unfavourable position, he retreated to the street with his first prisoner and waited some considerable time for the other man to emerge.

When he did, the detective gave chase and forced him to stop. He found that the man had abandoned his revolver. At Mongkok Police Station, however, he confronted him with rust marks on his clothes and accused him of a party of detectives to a piece of ground where the revolver was found.

TRAM COMPANY "BLITZ"

Some 15 Chinese were charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at the Central Magistracy yesterday with breach of the traffic regulations by travelling on the side of a tram.

Accused were arrested by a traffic patrol for hanging on to the side of a tramcar.

Five accused who failed to appear in Court had their bail of \$10 each, while those who present were each fined \$1.00.

Many People Are "Sub-Standard"

An astonishingly large number of people are "sub-standard" according to insurance company classifications, and these are put on special rating for varying periods according to the nature and degree of their physical impairments.

Ccl. E.J.R. Mitchell threw some interesting light on this phase of life insurance in his talk on "Underwriting Sub-Standard Lives" at yesterday's weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club.

He said that English companies refused to underwrite such risks but American and Canadian companies took a broader and more liberal view and simply covered themselves with a sub-standard rating. This rating has been successfully reduced with the advance of medical science and the advent of such wonder cures as Penicillin and others.

Between figures and statistics Col. Mitchell injected humour into his talk with stories of specific cases.

"An opium addict is a sub-standard case, but provided he is over 50 and smokes not more than 5 pipes a day, he is accepted as a good prospect with every chance of living up to the prophetic three score and ten."

The speaker drew a line between sub-standard rating and extra-hazardous rating. Under the latter, he said, an insured person was, until the last war, not supposed to take more than 25 flights in a plane a year, and would be charged a rating of 2 per 1000 for every 10 extra flights.

The speaker was thanked by Rotarian B. Wong Taps of the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada.

Among those present was Air Commodore W.A.D. Brook making his first appearance at the Club as an honorary member.

Guests present were: F. H. Liou, Frigate and Messrs. Kenneth Johnston, T. Adis Martin and Charles Duff. Mr. H. S. Kierkegaard, president of the Fochow Club, was a visiting Rotarian.

HELIGOLAND TO BE "BLOWN-UP"

(By Michael Goldsmith)

Cuxhaven, June 18.
The German island of Heligoland, honeycombed with many miles of fortifications and rimmed with reinforced concrete, will be "completely blown up" within three months.

A senior Royal Navy officer told the Associated Press "nothing but a pile of rocks" will remain.

Heligoland, once a British colony, was given to Germany in exchange for Zanzibar in 1886. The Germans developed it into one of the strongest naval fortresses in the world, regarding it as a "bastion pointing towards England."

"The destruction of Heligoland will really hurt the Germans where it hurts them most," the officer said.

Several hundred tons of high explosive will be used, probably in one great blast.

The officer explained that the island would not completely disappear, because it is situated in comparatively shallow water in the North Sea.

"But its remains will never again be fit for human habitation," he added.

The officer disclosed that there has been strong opposition to blowing up the island from British ornithologists who feared the operation might have a damaging effect on the migratory birds who use Heligoland as the starting point for their southward flight each autumn.

"I can only assure them," he said, "that when we have finished with it, it will be the most wonderful bird sanctuary—nothing but a pile of rocks."—Associated Press.

KILLER DOG SHOT DEAD

Aysgarth, York, June 18.
The killer dog that has plagued Yorkshire dale farmers for more than a month and killed a hundred sheep is dead.

Police Constable Cyril Jackson of Askeby stopped the dog's career last night when he shot it off the Carperby railway bridge and finally killed it with his second shot.

The dog was a large Alsatian, weighing over five stone and measuring five feet nine inches from nose to tail, had been hunted on the moors since May 31. It had ranged over 200,000 acres of land from Mashamshire to Great Wharfedale and further Northwest to Buckden Pike.

Earlier in the day, a mass drive of Walsden and Coverdale men was in operation over a wide area while men from Wharfedale guarded Buckden Pike but the drive proved of no avail. The killer had escaped.

In the evening, the dog was seen at Aysgarth railway station and was hunted along the railway track for over a mile before being shot.

Farmer's estimate the dog had done damage in the region of £1,000.—Reuter.

Junk Sinks With UNRRA Rice

A cargo junk—the "Kin Shing"—with 1,600 bags of UNRRA rice on board for Canton was sunk off Capsulmun on Monday afternoon, fortunately without loss of life.

The junk, was one of a seven taken in tow by the steam launch "Kwong Wah," and all carrying UNRRA rice to Canton. Foul weather set in as they neared Capsulmun, and after a severe battering the junk sank.

The master of the junk, Ng Yik-sang, estimates the cost of his craft at HK\$10,000. He says that he also lost personal belongings worth \$1,000; two tags of gold \$300 in banknotes; and CN\$200,000 in CN notes.

STOLE LAM BULB

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed on Li Sh, 21, electrician, by Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for larceny of an electric bulb from a tramcar.

When accused was searched two other bulbs were found in his possession.

Six gold rings, valued at \$400, were stolen by six men who entered a goldsmith's shop at 621 Shanghai Street, Mongkok, at 10.30 a.m. yesterday. Three of them were armed.

Plane Faster Than Sound

Washington, June 18.
The United States Army Air Forces have reported a new high-speed multiple blade propeller which promised aircraft speeds greater than sound, which is roughly 700 miles per hour.

The propeller is still in the planning stage. It is to be five or six feet in diameter with six or eight blades and a spinner half the diameter of the blades, to reduce drag. It would turn 4,000 to 8,000 revolutions per minute, triple the present top speed.

The official service journal "Air Force" reporting this development, said a recently developed gas turbine engine has sufficient power to drive the blades at such speeds. An existing engine-propeller combination has pulled an experimental fighter at better than 600 miles per hour, the publication said. This is comparable to the speed of the present jet-propelled aircraft.

Dr. R. M. Mills, aerodynamic expert at the Army's Wright Field, Ohio, said in the journal: "We will have propeller-driven airplanes approaching the speed of sound in the immediate future. The advent of jet-propulsion will no more replace the conventional propeller installations that will purr rocket replace the jet engine."—Associated Press.

Farouk Stops Strike

Cairo, June 18.
The Egyptian telegraph workers' strike, which paralysed the country's internal telegraph system for 48 hours ended today following intervention by King Farouk.

After strong police forces yesterday surrounded the telegraph headquarters in Cairo, where the strikers had barricaded themselves, to prevent food and water reaching them, some strikers managed to reach the palace, where they asked King Farouk "to protect us."

At the King's request, food was allowed to enter the building, while official promise was given to the strikers' request for better working conditions.

The strike involved more than 1,000 Egyptian telegraph operators and other workers.—Reuter.

BRITAIN REJECTS DENIAL

London, June 18.
Britain made public yesterday the text of a note rejecting Rumania's denials of press censorship and restrictions on civil liberties.

In the latest of a series of notes exchanged between the two governments Britain declared the Rumanian explanation "not only contains inaccuracies but gives a completely inadequate and distorted picture of conditions as they exist."—Associated Press.

APPEAL FROM VIENNA

London, June 18.
Theodor Koerner, Lord Mayor of Vienna, has sent the following telegram to Florentino la Guardia, Director-General of the U.N. R.R.A., according to the Vienna radio.

"Distress in Vienna and vicinity has reached a grade which causes the greatest anxiety. Unless help is coming, the population will collapse."

"As Lord Mayor of Vienna, I address to you the urgent request: Come to Vienna and convince yourself on the spot. We can no longer carry on."—Reuter.

LOITERED "WITH INTENT"

Two 19-year-old unemployed, So Tai and Ng Kong, were charged before Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday with loitering with intent to commit a felony at Queen's Road Central near Cochrane Street. Both accused had previous convictions.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on So Tai and Ng Kong. Another two Chinese, Wong Ping and Wong Fung, were each sentenced to four weeks' hard labour for a similar offence.



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Rumours Accompany Meeting Of Big Four

Paris, June 18.

As the foreign ministers of Great Britain, France, the United States and Russia yesterday took their seats at the Luxembourg Palace conference table, Paris echoed with unconfirmed rumours of Russian troop movements in south-east Germany, Yugoslav troop movements in the direction of Trieste and stand-by orders alleged to have been given to U.S. troops in Germany.

It was pointed out in delegation circles that this kind of rumour had already been heard in other world capitals before the Foreign Ministers reached Paris, but beyond this no responsible person attached to any of the four delegations was prepared to comment.

The foreign ministers debated economic clauses of the proposed treaty with Italy, including the thorny problem of Italian reparations.

The decision to take up the economic sections was made on Sunday morning by the deputy ministers in preparing the agenda for their superiors.

Previously it had been agreed that the Italian treaty had top priority but it was left to the deputies to select the precise clauses for discussion.

The Soviet Union and the western powers divided sharply during the sessions last month when the Soviet foreign minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, demanded that Italy pay \$75,000,000 partly from current production.

The United States supported by Britain and France, opposed this, saying it would wreck Italian economy.

First Time

Yesterday's session was the first time the ministers had examined economic sections aside from the reparations question.

Nearly all previous discussions had been devoted to political sections such as the disposition of the Italian colonial empire, the status of Trieste and boundary issues.

The deputy ministers in three weeks of discussion since the council recessed last month failed to achieve agreement on other economic clauses, including the status of property of allied nationals in Italy and the restitution of looted property.

Meanwhile it was learned that allied military and civil affairs officials in Italy are negotiating in Rome with the Italian government for an accord supplementing the newly revised armistice terms which would grant both Britain and the United States extensive rights within Italy as long as occupation troops remain in the peninsula.

These rights would include access to ports, airfields and transit privileges along the allied line of communications to Austria and the Yugoslav frontier, according to allied informants.—Associated Press.

Not Strategic

Frankfurt, June 18. Lt.-Col. Norman Sprowl, of the United States army headquarters—public relations, declared last night that American troop movements in Germany "at present are occurring only for redeployment or readjustment necessitated by redeployment."

Asked concerning widespread reports in Europe of strategic shifts of American units, particularly paratroops, because of rumours of Russian Army concentrations, the military spokesman said that "movements take place only on orders and the parachute infantry here are not at present on orders."—Associated Press.

SHOOTING IN ATHENS

Athens, June 18. Shooting broke out early last night in Athens' Constitution Square on the eve of the 24-hour general strike called by the general confederation of labour.

The shots suddenly rang out when the police attacked a gathering with clubs in one corner of the square. Groups of demonstrators were chased by police into side streets.—Associated Press.

RED GOVERNOR IN PERSIA

Tehran, June 18. Prince Mozaffar Firouz, press director, said yesterday that Dr. Salomollah Javid had been appointed governor general of the province of Azerbaijan.

Javid listed by political observers here as a Communist, had been minister of the interior in the Azerbaijan government of premier Jafar Pishavari, head of the provincial autonomy movement.

Pishavari is "retiring from public life," Firouz said.—Associated Press.

No "Disaster" At Bikini Expected

Aboard the USS "Appalachian", June 17.

A Wisconsin scientist today declared that the chances of there being a disaster at Bikini "are less than that of a meteor a mile in diameter, landing atop the Empire State Building," and no such meteor has ever been recorded.

This statement was made by Dr. Parker Trask, Professor of Geology at the University of Wisconsin. Trask was discussing the prediction of Anatol Shneiderov, Russian scientist, who said the atomic bomb might cause an earthquake and destroy the entire bomb-test expedition.

Speaking to allay the fears of crews and wives of crewmen who have been frantically wirelessing and writing to the expedition, Dr. Trask said the mechanism of the blowing-up of an atomic bomb blast and an earthquake are entirely different.

There have been hundreds of thousands of such quakes at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean, which are of the same type that the Russian scientist feared might be caused by the explosion of an atomic-bomb which might permit water to pour down through the cracked ocean bottom, into the molten sub-earth, resulting in a catastrophic explosion.

He said, furthermore, that if any place can be picked in the Pacific where quakes are most unlikely, that place is Bikini, Japan, the most likely spot for an earthquake, was hit twice by atomic bombs.—Associated Press.

JEWEL THEFT SEQUEL

Washington, June 17. Colonel Jack W. Durant and his WAC Captain wife, who are being held in the Kronberg Castle crown jewels theft case, left by plane today in army custody for Frankfurt, Germany.

The couple had been held in the Washington area since their arrest in Chicago two weeks ago. Colonel A. C. Miller, of the Provost Marshall's office, who said the formal charges against the persons involved in the case would be brought in Germany, accompanied the Durants to Frankfurt.—Associated Press.

A QUIZ-CROSS WORD

Ballerina

HORIZONTAL

- 17 Pictured husband
- 18 Ballerina
- 19 Gird of war
- 20 Wakened
- 21 Lampry
- 22 Puffed up
- 23 Sorry
- 24 On the ocean
- 25 Angers
- 26 Festival
- 27 Parent
- 28 Father danced in
- 29 Smooth
- 30 Command
- 31 Tidal flood
- 32 Corundum
- 33 Taut
- 34 Cerium (ab.)
- 35 Stannum (symbol)
- 36 Stupor
- 37 Fifth
- 38 Try
- 39 Mingle
- 40 She lives in
- 41 Duet
- 42 Intense anger
- 43 Leave
- 44 Click-beetles
- 45 Bull's nest

VERTICAL

- 1 Scope
- 2 Dregs
- 3 Unoccupied
- 4 Calaforn
- 5 (symbol)
- 6 Frost

Answers to Previous Puzzle

1. Tantalus
2. Gird
3. Wakened
4. Lampry
5. Puffed up
6. Sorry
7. On the ocean
8. Angers
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Citrine In The Chair

Moscow, June 18.

Sir Walter Citrine, general secretary of the British trade union congress, who was elected a baron in the Birthday Honours, presided at the opening of the World Federation of Trade Unionists in Moscow.

The 22-member committee is meeting for a nine-day session to consider the unionisation of German, Austrian, Japanese and other workers, the question of Franco Spain, the restoration of the general confederation of labour in Greece, as well as mutual relations between the world federation and the United Nations.

Well-known labour leaders present include Mr. James Carey, secretary of the American Congress of Industrial Organisations, and Senor Lombardo Toledano of Mexico.—Associated Press.

Hopeless Task Of B.E.F.

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"Throughout all these operations it was becoming clear that the French High Command with its 'die in the last ditch' orders which their troops had no intention of carrying out.

"From this time onwards until the final evacuation of the B.E.F. on June 18, it was obvious that the spirit of the French Army was crushed and that it had little intention of offering serious resistance.

"This spirit was also shared by the higher commanders. Beginning on June 8, the 10th French Army Headquarters literally ceased to function for 48 hours; it had lost all touch and its 10th Corps was broken and in full retreat."

It was at this critical juncture that the 62nd Division was hastily sent out to France.

When on June 16 the German motorised columns made a swift follow up of the French withdrawal, the 157th Brigade was attacked all day. The French units on its right and left relied without making any serious resistance and the British Brigade was exposed to the danger of having both its flanks turned.

Due to the cool handling and the tactical ability of its commander, Brig. Sir John Laurie, the brigade was extricated from its dangerous situation and embussed by midnight on June 16-17, moved 200 miles by roads encumbered by troops and refugees, and embarked 24 hours later at Cherbourg.

Gen. Marshall-Cornwall concluded that he had hoped to continue the embarkation of British troops till June 21. But the Germans made a penetration near the coast road, where the French made little attempt to resist and he had to make the decision on June 18 to complete the evacuation by 3 p.m.

So the brief campaign came to an end. It was Sir Alan Brooke's quiet grasp of realities, coupled with his ablest organisation of the evacuation, that enabled the B.E.F. to extricate itself comparatively cheaply from a completely false position.

LEST WE FORGET

Minneapolis, June 18. The Norwegian Ambassador, Mr. William Mjølhus, before the German cannot be trusted for a long time to come.

In a speech at ceremonies commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran church of America he said: "We can perhaps forgive but we should never forget. We have been fooled twice and if we are fooled a third time we deserve what we get."

Mjølhus commented: "Those who fought should remember whom they fought."—Associated Press.

Blackout Again In London

London June 18.

In response to the Ministry of Fuel appeal to save coal, side-streets in London boroughs will be blacked out again this year as during the war.

From August 17, lighting on all but the main traffic streets will be switched off.

In spite of the blackout revival and warnings regarding depleted coal reserves issued by electricity and gas companies over the weekend, the Ministry of Fuel told consumers that coal stocks were considerably better than last year and advised against hoarding.

The Ministry's target is to build up a five-week reserve by the end of summer. While the Ministry is confident of accumulating the necessary stocks many householders have received no delivery in months.—Reuter.

Paris, June 18.

M. Felix Gouin, leader of the provisional French Government today informed Maurice Thorez, Communist leader, and Jacques Duclos, President of the Communist Parliamentary Group, that the Socialists would not present a candidate for the presidency of the Government as a result of the decision taken by the Socialist Federal Council.—Reuter.

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Report On British Loan

Washington, June 18.

The House Banking Committee today formally reported its 20 to 5 approval of the British loan, and declared that an agreement will be helpful to America, Britain and the entire world.

The committee said the "alternative would be to risk a division of the world into a conflicting economic bloc, with the ever present danger of economic warfare."

The House next week begins the loan debate when a battle is promised by the opposition led by three Republicans.

The question of Britain turning over Atlantic bases to the United States by deed does not apply in consideration of the loan, the committee said.—Associated Press.

Coal Tribunal

London, June 18.

The Coal Compensation Tribunal, which will decide what the Government will pay coalowners when the mining industry is nationalised, held its first meeting in London today behind closed doors.

Special precautions were taken to keep proceedings secret from the public and none was admitted without a careful scrutiny of his credentials.

A formidable array of legal talent has been briefed by both Government and coalowners to thrash out the compensation problem.

The Tribunal will sit for five days in a week and is expected to remain in session for several weeks.—Reuter.

CONCHY BAN

London, June 18.

The ban on upgrading and promotion of conscientious objectors in the British civil service will be lifted from July 1, it was announced today.—Reuter.

Winnipeg, June 17.

Rye: July \$2.97, asked; Oats: July to October \$0.51; Barley: July to October \$0.64.—Associated Press.

World Short Of Cotton Textiles

New Orleans, June 18.

World export markets stand in immediate need of at least 4,500 million yards of cotton textiles, whereas in 1945 only 2,500 million entered world trade, according to Mr. William C. Planz, President of the U.S. Textile Export Association, writing the "Southern Textile News."

The world textile situation had changed markedly in the last few years. Japan, once the leading exporter of cotton textiles, now only possesses three million spindles as compared with 12 million before Pearl Harbour.

In 1937 the total world export trade in broad woven cotton fabrics amounted to some 6,500 million yards; Japan contributing slightly over one-third of this figure, with the United Kingdom and Continental Europe contributing 1,800 million and 1,200 million yards respectively. The U.S. in 1937 exported slightly more than 200 million yards.

The situation with regard to imports represents a most difficult problem. Imports of U.S. cotton in the Middle East have shrunk to about one-third of the pre-war level; Latin American imports from all sources have decreased considerably and the Far East (including China) whose pre-war imports ran to nearly 2,000 million yards, (half of which came from Japan) has an enormous consumption capacity.

The Netherlands East Indies can absorb 1,000 million yards annually, with virtually no local production available. The Philippines are able to take up to 200 million yards, and India, China, Burma and Malaya all have large consumption capacities, with hardly any home production available.

There is no hope of resumption of exports by the United Kingdom, India or Japan on

anything like the pre-war scale for some time to come, so the United States has unprecedented opportunities for establishing a healthy foreign trade in cotton textiles.

There are indications that India will cut her cotton textile exports to around 500 million yards due to increased demand from the home market, and the United Kingdom is not likely to export much in excess of 800 million yards this year.

Mr. Planz therefore urges that the U.S.A. should try to export 10 to 20 per cent of her total production, despite the temptation to concentrate on the domestic side in face of the tremendous demand. Only by a high volume of exports can idle spindleage, over production and price uncertainties be avoided when present abnormal conditions disappear.—Reuter.

GRAIN PRICES

Chicago, June 17.

Grains remained at ceiling prices in a very quiet market while trading was probably the smallest on record.

Rye was strong at Winnipeg with a good part of the buying attributed to American interests. The first wheat from the 1946 crop was sold at ceiling prices.

The visible supply of wheat in 1946 is 36,909,000 bushels which is still well below last year's supply of 69,000,000 bushels.

Final prices were:
 Corn: \$1.40, Barley: \$1.55;
 Oats: \$0.85.

New wheat and corn sold at \$1.95 plus one-half cent per bushel.—Associated Press.

N. Y. COTTON

New York, June 17.

Cotton futures were influenced by considerable short covering for July delivery, and closed at 20 cents to \$1.10 a bale higher: July 29.35, October 29.44, December 29.58, March 29.60, May 29.55, Spot 25 higher. Middling 29.25.—Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New Orleans, June 17.

Cotton futures closed steadily at 15 to 35 cents a bale higher than last year's dates:
 July 29.35, October 29.42, December 29.58-60, March 29.60, May 29.55, Spot 25 higher. Middling 29.25.—Associated Press.

Minneapolis, June 17.

Flour in 100-lb. cotton sacks of 86 per cent extraction sold at: family use \$1.00 per bag; standard \$0.34 per bag.—Associated Press.

World Still Depends On Far East Tin

London, June 18.

Estimates of tin production during the war suggest that the world is still far more dependent on the Far East than had been expected, says the Economist.

World production rose from 183,500 tons in 1939 to a peak of 245,500 tons in 1941.

With the Japanese occupation of producing territories in the East, world output fell to 125,000 tons in 1942, 121,500 in 1943, and 109,000 in 1944.

Malayan production fell from the record 85,394 tons in 1940 to 15,000 tons per annum in 1943 and 1944.

That of the Netherlands East Indies fell from 50,000 tons in 1941 to 5,000 in 1944.

Output of the Belgian Congo, from which much was expected, never exceeded 17,146 tons while peak for Nigeria was 14,999 tons in 1941.

Consumption during the war has not yet been disclosed, but combined consumption of Britain and United States in 1943 was 73,631 tons, compared with 130,870 in 1941 and 97,694 in 1939.

British stocks at the end of 1945 were 33,800 tons, compared with 23,000 in 1943. U.S. stocks on July 1, 1945, totalled 95,578 tons, against 144,361 on January 1, 1943.

U.S. Interest On Debt

New York, June 18.

At present the United States is paying interest on its national debt at slightly under 2 per cent, a rate unprecedented in its history, says the Cleveland Trust Company in a review of U.S. interest rates since Alexander Hamilton first funded the public debt in 1792.

At that time subscribers received 6 per cent on two-thirds of the principal, the remaining one-third receiving interest from 1800, making an average of just under 5 per cent.

The all-time high was reached during the Civil War, when the average topped 6 per cent and part of a note issue in 1861 had a rate of no less than 12 per cent. From then onwards rates declined to just under 2½ per cent in 1910, to rise steeply to 4½ per cent during and immediately after World War I.

From 1920 the downward tendency was resumed, until it fell below the 2 per cent mark in 1942, at which level it has been by Government Control so that, for the first time, the United States has incurred a great war debt without raising interest rates.—Reuter.

N.Y. STOCK MARKET

New York, June 17.

Stock market buyers lifted the railway average to a new 15-year peak, but late profit taking cut down some early gains.

Steel and assorted industrial specials did well from the start, though like rails, these eventually ran into a little selling.

The extreme advances of fractions to one point or more were reduced or canceled at the close and there was a smattering of minus signs in evidence. Dealers were relatively quiet while traders were over the 1,000,000 mark.

Closing quotations were:
 Dow Jones Stock Averages 78.79
 30 Industrials 210.13
 20 Rails 68.22
 15 Utilities 32.81
 Adams Express 22½, Alaska Buncake 8½, American Can 10½, American Smelting 48½, American Telephone 108½, American Tobacco 96½, American Waterworks 27½, Anaconda Copper 48½, Aviation Corporation 10½, Baldwin 33½, Barnsdall 20½, Bendix Aviation 49½, Bethlehem Steel 110½, Boeing Aircraft 23, Borden Co. 54½, Canadian Pacific 20½, J.I. Case 53, Chrysler 130½, Colgate 60½, Commercial Solvents 28½, Corns Prograde 56½, Dupont de Nemours 223½, Electric Light and Power 26½, General Electric 48½, General Motors 73½, Goodyear 67½, Homestake Mining 47½, International Harvester 100, International Paper 47½, International Tel. and Tel. 24½, Johns Manville 156, Kennecott Copper 53½, Montgomery Ward 94½, National Distillers 86½, National Lead 39½, New York Central 27½, Packard Motors 97, Pan-American Airways 20, Pennsylvania R.R. 42½, Radio Corporation 15½, Republic Steel 38½, Reynolds Tobacco 44½, Schenley 88½, Sears Roebuck 42½, Secony Vacuum 18½, Southern Pacific 69½, Standard Brands 45½, Standard Oil of Cal. 56, Standard Oil of N.J. 77, Studebaker 37½, Union Bag 38½, Union Carbide 116½, U.S. Rubber 69, U.S. Steel 90½, Westinghouse 34½, Youngstown Sheet and Tube 80½.—Associated Press.

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 D J 9 3 2
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The bidding:
 Schenken: Maier: Jacoby: You
 INT Dbl Pass (7)
 ANSWER: Pass. You have a supporting card for whichever suit your partner leads, and your intermediates in the other suits will play an important role in defeating the no-trump contract. This is far too strong a hand for a rescue.

Score 100 per cent for pass, 20 per cent for two diamonds or two spades.

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DROWNED

Schiedam, June 18.
Five of a party of 30 Rotterdam sea scouts were drowned in the River Maas here when their sailing boat collided with a tanker. During the collision, the boat's mast fell on the deck and in the ensuing panic 20 boys jumped overboard. Only 15 were picked up.—Reuter.

Strachey To Get Wheat From Canada

London, June 18.
The Minister of Food, Mr. John Strachey, left London tonight by air for Canada to discuss with the Canadian Agriculture Minister, Mr. James Gardiner, and other government officials the possibility of what Mr. Strachey termed tonight "an important and far-reaching agreement with Canada, which will go far to assure our wheat supplies."

Accompanying the Minister were Mr. Maurice Hutten, head of the British Foods Mission in Washington, Mr. Herbert Broadley, Deputy Secretary to the Ministry of Food, and Mr. Strachey's secretary.

Before he left today, Mr. Strachey attended a Cabinet meeting at the Prime Minister's residence.

After the talks in Canada, the Food Minister will continue to Washington for talks with Mr. Clinton Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, and to attend the first meeting of the International Emergency Food Council, which has superseded the Combined Food Board as the authority for world allocations of available supplies.—Reuter.

Queen Lizzy At Southampton

Southampton, June 18.
The 83,000-ton Cunard White Star liner Queen Elizabeth, the world's largest luxury liner, which has yet to make her maiden voyage in that capacity, arrived here from the Clyde for the second stage of her conversion from a wartime troopship.

Carrying the Cunard colours for the first time, the giant vessel was manoeuvred by tugs into 101 berth where she will remain before going into the King George V dock for work on her hull. The great ship, which was completed just in time for war service, is expected to make her maiden voyage from here as a passenger vessel in September.

As the Queen Elizabeth was berthed, 600 Clyde-side workers, including 200 who helped to build her, arrived here after an all-night train journey from Glasgow as the vanguard of 1,100 employees of John Brown and Company, the shipbuilders who will finish the conversion job.—Reuter.

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Yesterday:—S.S. Samphill for Milke.

Scheduled Departures

Today:—H.M.S. Tyne for Chepalupo, H.M.S. Salviator and H.M.S. Mull of Kintyre for Singapore.

Tomorrow:—S.S. Wingsang for Shanghai.

MRS. QUISLING

Oso, June 18.
The Oslo military court, reversing its previous decision, has decided that Mrs. Maria Quisling, 45-year old widow of Norwegian traitor, should be held in prison pending her trial on charges of belonging to her husband's Nazi Party and using State funds for her own purpose.

The court, which had earlier decided to set Mrs. Quisling free, changed its mind after the police had protested that they needed more time for investigation of an important point in the indictment.—Reuter.

U.S. Proposal Allays "Many Fears"

(By Dewitt Mackenzie)

New York, June 18.

Outstanding feature of the American proposal for international control of development and use of atomic energy, and second only to that of control in importance, is the fact that inauguration of this security system would mean the surrender by all nations of such degree of sovereignty as is necessary to make the plan effective.

Every part of each nation, big and little, would be open at all times for inspection by the international economic development authority. Not only would secrecy regarding atomic developments be impossible but a lot of other privacy would disappear.

History offers no precedent for such a voluntary surrender of sovereign rights to a central authority. There may be nations which will hesitate to give any international body "carte blanche" to snoop about when and where it sees fit.

Within comparatively a few hours since the American delegates placed their sensational proposals before the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, there has been more than a little speculation whether their adoption and successful application might inspire a venture into a world government in due course.

The American proposals are wholly altruistic and should go far towards allaying suspicion which have been aroused by the fact that the United States possesses the only atomic bombs in the world as well as the secret of their manufacture.

By the same token other doubts and fears are to be removed if and when the atomic development authority gets into action and starts checking up on what is going on in all countries.—Associated Press.

Clearing Of Dr. Malan

Capetown, June 18.

The Select Committee today cleared Dr. Malan, leader of the South African Nationalist Party, of allegations that he had been in touch with Nazi agents during the war.

The Committee found that he had had no conversations with any of the persons mentioned in documents, stated to have been found in the German Foreign Office which alleged that Dr. Malan had been given German proposals for an understanding with the Nationalists in South Africa.

The only exception was Mrs. Denk, with whom Dr. Malan had an interview about Jan. 16, 1940 in Capetown. At this interview Dr. Karl Bremer, Nationalist Party member was present.

Dr. Malan did not report the interview to the authorities, said the Committee, for reasons which in view of all circumstances at the time were adequate—mainly that the interview with Mrs. Denk made no impression on him or Dr. Bremer.—Reuter.

British Zone Warning

London, June 18.
Farmers in the British Zone of Germany were warned tonight that the food situation "may result in serious disturbances."

The warning was contained in an appeal for more sacrifices, issued by Dr. Hans Schengeschoeningen, head of the Central Food and Agricultural Administration, and reported by the British news service in Germany.

"In cities we see every day the harassing spectacle of women with hungry children," the appeal said. "The British Military Government has done everything humanly possible to alleviate the emergency. You, farmers, have done your duty, but more must be done to overcome this situation, which otherwise may result in serious disturbances."—Reuter.

MR. ATTLEE

London, June 18.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will leave England on July 29 for his visit to Australia and New Zealand, it was stated today. He will be away for about five weeks.—Reuter.

India Mission Pulled "A Fast One"

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It was reported that Mr. M. A. Jinnah, the League's president, has sent a letter to the Viceroy, Lord Wavell, presumably seeking an assurance on the allocation of key portfolios.—Associated Press.

British Honesty

New York, June 18.

The "New York Times" says in a leader today: "If further proof were needed to demonstrate the honesty of the British offer of independence to India, it has been supplied by the action of the Viceroy. Enemies of the British Empire have long maintained that Britain was continuing to utilize in India party divisions in order to maintain herself in power."

"That charge is now refuted by events. India has an old and rich culture which has contributed much to world civilization but that culture does not include the traditions of democracy. Unless the Indian people learn the ways of democracy, tolerance, compromise and of live and let live, they will profit little from their independence and might find themselves worst off with it than without it."—Reuter.

"Stop-Gap"

Edinburgh, June 18.

The hope that the 14 Indian leaders invited by the Viceroy to form an interim government will accept office is expressed by the "Scotsman," influential Scottish daily newspaper.

"If any of the Indians or the present list decline to accept office, others are to be invited," adds the "Scotsman." "The result might be unrepresentative and merely a stop-gap government which would not make an auspicious start for a constitutional government."

"Evidence that practical steps are to be taken to put the constitution-making machinery into operation may impress Congress with the need for clarifying their attitude and of abandoning their obstructive policy in favour of active participation in shaping India's political future."—Reuter.

Ministry Changed Its Mind

London, June 18.
Floral victory decorations planted in Parliament Square and adorning window-boxes in Government buildings in Whitehall will stay put for the time being, the Ministry of Works decided today after a squad of German war prisoners had spent an hour digging them up and loading them into trucks.

The prisoners had just about completed hoisting all red geraniums from the Square when news came that the Ministry had changed its mind. The prisoners were ordered to put them back.

Britain is importing war-prisoners from the British zone in Germany at the rate of more than 900 a day, it was revealed. They are mostly replacements for anti-Nazi prisoners-of-war who are being sent back, a War Office spokesman claimed.—Reuter.

SPORTS SECTION

Indians Declare At 345 For 5

Nottingham, June 18.
The Indian tourists, in their third day play against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge, this morning decided to declare at their overnight total of 345 for five.

Play started ten minutes late, Keonton and Harris each taking two runs off Hazare in the first over. Bowling to a four-man leg trap and making the ball swing appreciably, Kamanath started with two maidens. Hazare was much more to the batsmen's liking. Keonton securing a grand boundary through covers in his third over.

Pataudi brought Mankad on at 16. In his first over, Harris refused to run and as a result of a fine pick up and throw to the bowler by Nayudi, Keonton was run out after scoring ten with a total of 17.

Making the ball swing away, Armanath was unlucky to see a sharp chance offered to the wicket-keeper by the left-hander Heane and dropped when the total was 19.

A heavy rainstorm at quarter past twelve stopped play with the score at 24 for one.

Torrential showers in quick succession accompanied by thunder and hail, which whitened the ground for a time, left waterlogged patches. The pitch which was covered at the ends was soaked in the middle. The captains then decided that there would be no play before lunch.

Cyril Washbrook, Lancashire and England opening bat, who is in the England team to meet India in the first test on Saturday, was injured today at Manchester. In the match with Surrey, the first ball of the day bowled by the fast bowler Alf Gover kicked and hit Washbrook on the side of his head. He was assisted from the field and later resumed to be dismissed for a duck.

The wicket was not the one originally prepared and many deliveries rose head high. Ikin, also selected to play for England, was struck on the body four times, once by cover and thrice by Alec Bedser. England's new fast-medium bowler.

There were five stoppages in 25 minutes. Twenty-eight wickets fell at Lord's today in the match between Middlesex and Yorkshire. The Middlesex left arm slow bowler Young claimed ten Yorkshire wickets in the day's play.—Reuter.

Tuesday Results

London, June 18.

County cricket results today were:

At Hove: Sussex 317 beat Essex 172 and 108 by an innings and 37 runs.

At Worcester: Leicestershire 370 for nine declared beat Worcestershire 111 and 216 (Bird 72 not out, Walsh five for 75) by an innings and 43 runs.

At Lords: Yorkshire 140 and 108 beat Middlesex 74 and 101 by 73 runs.

The captains of the Indian and Nottingham teams inspected the pitch after lunch and after a further inspection at 3 o'clock, decided to abandon the game for the day, as water was still lying above the soaked pitch.—Reuter.

HKFA MEETING

A meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association will be held in the offices of Messrs Lo and Lo on Tuesday, June 25 at 6.30 p.m.

Items on the agenda include revision of the rules and to fix the date of the Annual General meeting.

SWIMMING HEATS

Heats for the swimming championships in aid of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund and Chinese charities will be held this afternoon at Lady Park Club.

The finals and the Beauty Contest will be held on Sunday.

SUNDAY FOOTBALL

The football team of 2708 Squadron Royal Air Force, which beat Eastern last month, will meet South China at Soekunpo on Sunday.

Preparations are being made by South China to visit Shanghai early in September and they will probably include a number of Kwong Wah players in their side.

U.S. Tennis Teams At Wimbledon

London, June 17.

The girls of the victorious United States Wightman Cup tennis team held on to their winning streak today as, one by one, they defeated their English opponents in straight sets all the way at the trials at Queen's Club, a preliminary to the Wimbledon All-England championships, due to open next week.

In the men's ranks, the favourite American, Jack Kramer, won his first match against H. Baxter in a decisive 6-3, 6-2 match, but the captain, J. E. Slater, United States contestant on leave from the American army in Germany, went down to defeat before the attack of the ace Australian player, Dinny Pails, who is seeded No. 1 player in the forthcoming championships.

Miss Doris Hart started the afternoon's wins for the American girls, taking Mrs. R. D. McKelvey 6-2, 6-0. Miss Margaret Osborne defeated Mrs. C. R. Lines 6-1, 6-3, and Miss Louise Brough beat Miss R. M. McNeil 6-1, 6-0. Miss Pauline Betz, who is regarded as a natural successor to the famous United States star, Alice Marble, defeated Miss P. O'Connell 6-1, 6-2.

The American girls dropped only ten games during the eight sets played early this afternoon, and forecast a strong attack in their bid for the All-England title next week, when they face once more the prominent English players, Mrs. Monica (Kay Stammers), Mrs. Mostock (Jean Nicoll), Betty Nuthall, and Miss Joan Curry, whom they easily defeated on Saturday.

The strength of the United States men's team will depend largely on the ability of Jack Kramer to cope with the Australian, Dinny Pails.

Rehearsal For Wimbledon

Slater, who was playing his first games on a grass court this year, may yet rally to become an effective member of the United States group.

Today's Queen's Club trials were actually a miniature Wimbledon, with contestants from the Continent also testing their strength.

Later this afternoon, France's No. 1 woman player, Madame R. Mathieu, won her first game.

Mrs. Mostock scored an easy straight set victory in the first of her games at Queen's.—Reuter.

Louis-Conn Fight

New York, June 18.

Both Joe Louis and Billy Conn are today waiting impatiently for tomorrow night, having wound up their training. They like promoter Mike Jacobs, are scanning the sky as the heat wave looks like ending and rain threatens.

If it falls, Jacobs will postpone the contest to Thursday night and each succeeding night until it is fine enough to draw a big gate.

Both boxes are extremely confident. Louis says: "I think I command enough to take Conn in a few rounds. I expect to win inside eight rounds—ten at the most."

Conn's reply is: "I am sure to beat Louis. I am not going to lose my head. I am a boxer, not a slugger. Joe has got to knock me out to beat me. He is getting an old man and will tire."

Those backing the champion to retain the title think that even if he appeared sluggish, he has "got something up his sleeve" and has still a powerful enough punch to score a knock-out win.

Conn has surprised his followers by tipping the scales at 184 pounds, which is heavier than expected and might reduce his speed. Louis on the other hand is rather under the expected weight, scaling 208 pounds. The champion reckons that he has done 144 rounds in training and covered 400 miles on the road.

Among those favouring Conn is James Braddock from whom Louis won the title. He says that the champion's form is 50 per cent. below that of pre-war and expects the challenger to win on points. But Louis is not worried about that viewpoint.

He declares himself even fitter than when he last met Conn and expects to finish the business early. Louis, who is a scratch golfer, will make a tour of the mid-western cities after his bout, returning to New York in time to open his new restaurant in the Harlem quarters around July 10.

Conn has announced that if he wins, he won't defend his title for 12 months. It means to win tomorrow night and has never trained so assiduously in his life. There has been no "play-boy" attitude about his workouts this time.—Reuter.

U.S. Team At St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's, June 18.

The strongest challenge in the first post-war British Open golf championship, when an international field of 264 drive off at St. Andrew's on July 1, will come from the United States.

The Americans, in the bid to wrest the title from its current holder, England's Richard Burton, will include Lloyd Mangrum, new American Open champion. Byron Nelson has not entered.

In the qualifying rounds, the draw of which was announced today, one-half of the entrants will play on the old course and the other half on the new course on the first day at this famous Scottish links.

The leading hundred will go forward to the later stages on the old course, and the 44 returning the lowest totals over 36 holes will compete in the final day's play on Friday.

The reigning champion, Burton, will go out against another English player R. R. Kelly, in the first day's play. James Bruen, British amateur finalist, is not in the list, but Robert Sweeney, runner-up to Bruen, will play Andrew Pencock, of Kent.

Of the United States contestants, David Hendry and Joe Kirkwood will meet Britons in the first round, but Jimmy Demaret and Johnny Bulla, both Americans, are partnered.

Other contestants in the first Open championship for six years come from Spain, the Argentine and the Continent.

An interesting entry is that of B. Nuenwenhuys, South African and Liverpool footballer, now assistant professional at England's West Derby Club.—Reuter.

Tooth-and-Claw Game, No Doubt

Sydney, June 18.

J. Kitching, of Bradford, England, who was sent off the field in the Rugby League Test match between the English touring team and Australia today, which ended in a draw, told a judicial committee inquiring into the incident that he had been bitten by an Australian player, Jorgenson.

To the statement by the referee that he had sent the English player off for punching the Australian, Kitching said he had told the committee he believed he had been bitten. He had marks on his left side. He had tried to force Jorgenson aside, but had not punched him.

Jorgenson denied that he had bitten the Englishman.

The referee told the committee that the men's position was such that it would have been a physical impossibility for him to do so.

The chairman of the committee, who is a dentist, said he had examined Kitching, but did not think the markings on his left side were teeth marks.

The committee decided to caution Kitching, who said that this was the first time that he had ever been sent off the field.

The match in which the incident occurred resulted in a draw of eight points each.

England had led six-two at half time and might have been further ahead had all the opportunities been accepted.—Reuter.

COUNTY CRICKET

London, June 18.

County cricket score boards at the end of the second day's play are:

At Pontypool: Somerset 51 for one versus Glamorganshire. No play owing to rain.

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 131 (Gladwin five for 45) and five for no wicket, Derbyshire 108 (E. W. Clarke three for 24).

At Manchester: Lancashire 184 (A. V. Bedser five for 65) and 16 for one wicket, Surrey 112 (Price six for 34).

At Lords: Yorkshire 140 (Yardley 53 not out, Young four for 41) and 108 (Young eight for 31), Middlesex 74 (Robinson four for 32).

At Gravesend: Kent 171 (Todd 98) and 31 for two, Gloucestershire 241 (Hammond 80, Wright seven for 83).

At Coventry: Warwickshire 252 for eight, declared (Crammer 83), Hampshire 154 for eight.

At Worcester: Leicestershire 370 for 9, declared (Jackson 69), Worcestershire 111 (Walsh four for 30) and 111 for six.

At Hove: Essex 172 and 63 for six, Sussex 317 (Parks 73, John Langridge 87, Griffith 54, Peter Smith five for 130).—Reuter.

RADIO

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1946. "CLASSICAL REQUEST HOUR"

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—"Donald Press"—ENSA.

12.47 p.m.—Stephane Grappelly and His Musicians.

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—"Off the Bottom Shelf"—Variety.

1.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down Melodies.

6.30 p.m.—Gerald and His Orchestra and Frances Day (Soprano).

7.00 p.m.—"Music on the Range".

7.20 p.m.—Flano Parade—Billy Thorpe.

7.30 p.m.—Old Time Variety.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

8.15 p.m.—"I've Brought My Music"—ENSA.

8.30 p.m.—Classical Request Hour.

9.00 p.m.—"From the Shows"—Musical Comedy.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

10.45 p.m.—"Twilight Melodies".

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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